GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES AT BAGDOGRA
AMAR ROY PRADHAN;SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international flights arriving and leaving Bagdogra Airport;

(b) the details of new international flights proposed to be introduced to and from Bagdogra Airport;

(c) whether the Government propose to connect Sikkim, Cooch Behar and Kathmandu by air for promotion of tourism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a),(b),(c)and(d):At present no international services are being operated to/through Bagdogra Airport. Indian Airlines is not presently in a position to commence any international services from Bagdogra due to operational limitations.No foreign airline have evinced interest to start operations to/from Bagdogra either. Kathmandu is currently connected with Delhi, Varanasi and Kolkata by Indian Airlies. As far as airlinking of Sikkin and Cooch Behar is concerned, thedomestic scheduled operators are free to operate to any station in India subject to route dispersal guidelines issued by Government. The non-scheduled operators can also operate services to any station on demand basis.